improvement will be taken up. The site for the evening market comprises 19 cents of which 16 cents are road poramboke and the remaining 3 cents alone are available for the market which is too small an area. The Dewan Peishkar will dispose of the question.

134. Needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Member, Nominated*) spoke on the following needs of the Trivandrum town :

A road should be constructed from near the police station at Kazhakuttom to the beach. The necessary lands were acquired for the road long ago but nothing more was done.

The Kalpalakadavu bridge should be repaired. This was an important bridge in the town over which much motor traffic was being carried on daily.

At least a wooden bridge should be constructed across the canal midway between Chakai and Kalpalakadavu. There were about five hundred houses on either side of the canal in this place. There were also about a hundred shops on the eastern bank of the canal, that is, on the Karali road. People residing on one side of the canal could now pass to the other side only by a very circuitous route and it was a well known fact that they were put to great difficulties in this matter. In order to remedy this, a bridge should be put up at some place midway between Chakai and Kalpalakadavu.

Drains should be provided for many roads in the town. The municipality was too poor to undertake the work. Whenever resolutions were passed by the Municipal Council and communicated to Government requesting them to arrange for the construction of some drain or other Government did not take any notice of the resolutions. It was the duty of Government to provide drains wherever necessary. Some of the roads in need of drains were those from Pulimudu to Vanchiyur, from Vettimuricha Fort Gate to the Attakulangarai junction and from Cantonment Mosque junction to Chakai and also the Koshi lane and the Karuppattikada market road.

The roads and drains in the town with the funds required for their maintenance should be transferred to the control of the municipality. Under the control of the Public Works Department, due attention was not being paid to the maintenance of the drains and roads in good condition. At times there was also conflict of opinion between the municipality and the P. W. D. in regard to the necessity for drains and roads at particular places. These could be avoided if the municipality was made responsible for the work. They had already a P. W. D. Officer under them. One or two more engineers could be appointed if that was necessary.

The road from Petta to Katakampalli should be extended as far as Veli.

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The portion of the Karali road up to the Chakai bridge should be widened and parapet walls should be put up on the road along the canal side. Flights of steps should also be provided from the road to the canal. It was a well known fact that this road was one which had very heavy traffic.

A magistrate's court should be opened at Kazhakuttam. This would relieve to a great extent the heavy pressure of work in the magistrates' courts at Attingal and Trivandrum.

The District and Munsiffs' court buildings at Trivandrum should be rebuilt.

Arrangements should be made for the supply of drinking water to the people attending the various courts at Trivandrum.

A shed should be put up in the premises of the District Court for the use of the parties and witnesses attending the court.

A police out-post should be established at Kalpalakadavu. It was a well well known fact that Kalpalakadavu was a very busy centre of commerce. There were at present three police stations all along the main road and barely within a distance of one mile from each other. Instead of having all these stations together in the heart of the town, one of these might be shifted from its present position, preferably the Puthanchantai station, and it might be located at Kalpalakadavu or at Chakai. If this was not feasible, an out-post police station might be immediately established at Kalpalakadavu.

Three more go-downs and tin-sheds should be established at Valiathurai. Heavy consignments of paddy and rice would be unloaded at the port every year, only a small portion of which could be safely kept in the existing sheds, while the other portions had to lie in the open exposed to sun and rain.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abdur Rahiman Sahib, time does not permit of my giving a reply in detail to the several points of your multiple representation. Suitable replies will be communicated to you in regard to the points that I do not touch upon in my reply now.

Your representation, I notice, is full of "well known facts". One fact about which you are entirely misinformed is about the Kalpalakkadavu bridge. If you had made enquiries you would have found that a new bridge is under construction, and girders have already arrived for the new bridge. You talk of heavy motor bus and lorry traffic passing over that bridge. As a matter of fact that has been prohibited.

The other point I need touch upon is in regard to your proposal that the Government should undertake the whole drainage construction and maintenance in the town, and also, as to ensure more efficient work, that the roads also should be transferred to the municipality. On that point, I am at complete variance with you. I do not think efficiency will be served by that transfer to the municipality.

In regard to drainage you seem to have full authority from the Municipality—of which you are a member, I understand—to disclaim

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all duties and responsibilities in respect of drainage in the town, to the people from whom you raise rates and taxes for the proper maintenance of the town and for the comforts and well-being of the people. It may not perhaps be within the financial possibility of the Municipality to undertake the reconstruction of the drainage of the whole town as a single and immediate measure. But instead of hoarding up something every year, the Municipality might very well make a beginning to undertake the construction and maintenance of drainage. You seem to say that the Municipality passed a resolution for the construction of drains or other works. I have never heard of resolutions transforming road-sides into drains without the Municipality laying out money and seeing the work done. You have also spoken of discussions in your Municipal Council. It will be a great blessing to the people of the town if your discussions materialise. There is such a thing as municipalities borrowing money for big works. You are here as the full representative of the Municipality, and I say, you are guilty of a very grave act of omission to the people of Trivandrum in this matter.

135. Needs of the Neyyattinkara taluk.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN (*Member, Nominated*) said that irrigation works throughout the State should be properly attended to. In regard to the Neyyattinkara taluk, additional sums should be provided in the current year's Budget for the restoration of minor irrigation works in the taluk and arrangements should be made for taking up new works immediately. For the future, an allotment of at least one lakh of rupees should be made in every year's Budget for the taluk until all the works were completed. Major irrigation works should also be taken up forthwith. The breach in the Karupattichira should be closed and the tank restored. In repairing tanks care should be taken more in deepening the beds thereof and clearing the springs than in putting up big bunds. The bunds of tanks should be turfed. Block boards should be constituted throughout the taluk and the maintenance of the repaired tanks should be left to their supervision. There should also be a taluk board to look after the work of the block boards.

A road should be opened from Thozhukal to Panachamudu, the existing road from Narayanamuttom to Panachamudu being made cartable. The new road would be only two miles in length and would pass by the Aruvipuram temple. The people of the locality were prepared to surrender lands free of cost for this road.

A road should be opened from Kdarakuzhi to Nellimudu. The existing ryots' roads from Kdarakuzhi to Kottukal and from Nellimudu to Kottukal should be converted into cart roads and a new road should be opened connecting these two roads.

The Koottapana-Olathani trace should be gravelled.

A bridge should be put up at Poovar.

An English High School for girls should be established at Neyyattinkara.

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